



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development and Clinical Science Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board; Notice of Meetings

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the panels of the Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development and Clinical Science Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board will meet from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the dates indicated below:

Panel	Date(s)	Location
Hematology ----- Alexandria	May 23, 2012	Sheraton Suites – Old Town
Mental Health and Behavioral ---- Alexandria	May 24, 2012	Sheraton Suites – Old Town
Science-B		
Neurobiology-D -----	May 24-25, 2012	Sheraton Suites – Old Town Alexandria
Immunology-A ----- Alexandria	May 30, 2012	Sheraton Suites – Old Town
Mental Health and Behavioral ----- Alexandria	May 31, 2012	Sheraton Suites – Old Town
Science-A		
Surgery -----	May 31, 2012	*VA Central Office
Endocrinology-B -----	June 1, 2012	*VA Central Office
Neurobiology-A -----	June 1, 2012	Sheraton Suites – Old Town Alexandria

Clinical Application of Genetics-	June 1, 2012	*VA Central Office
Cardiovascular Studies -----	June 4, 2012	Sheraton Suites – Old Town Alexandria
Cellular and Molecular Medicine -	June 4, 2012	*VA Central Office
Infectious Diseases-A -----	June 4, 2012	Sheraton Suites – Old Town Alexandria
Epidemiology -----	June 6, 2012	*VA Central Office
Clinical Research Program -----	June 7-8, 2012	Sheraton Suites – Old Town Alexandria
Infectious Diseases-B -----	June 8, 2012	Sheraton Suites – Old Town Alexandria
Neurobiology-E -----	June 8, 2012	*VA Central Office
Pulmonary Medicine -----	June 8, 2012	Sheraton Suites – Old Town Alexandria
Gastroenterology -----	June 11-12, 2012	Sheraton Suites – Old Town Alexandria
Endocrinology-A -----	June 14-15, 2012	Sheraton Suites – Old Town Alexandria
Neurobiology-C -----	June 14-15, 2012	L'Enfant Plaza Hotel
Oncology-A -----	June 14-15, 2012	Sheraton Suites – Old Town Alexandria
Nephrology -----	June 15, 2012	Sheraton Suites – Old Town Alexandria
Eligibility -----	July 23, 2012	Sheraton Suites – Old Town Alexandria

The addresses of the hotel and VA Central Office are:

L'Enfant Plaza Hotel, 480 L'Enfant Plaza, SW, Washington, DC

Sheraton Suites – Old Town Virginia, 801 North Saint Asaph Street, Alexandria, Virginia

*VA Central Office, 131 M Street, NE, Washington, DC

*Teleconference

The purpose of the Board is to provide advice on the scientific quality, budget, safety and mission relevance of investigator-initiated research proposals submitted for VA merit review consideration. Proposals submitted for review by the Board involve a wide range of medical specialties within the general areas of biomedical, behavioral and clinical science research.

The panel meetings will be open to the public for approximately one-half hour at the start of each meeting to discuss the general status of the program. The remaining portion of each panel meeting will be closed to the public for the review, discussion, and evaluation of initial and renewal research proposals.

The closed portion of each meeting involves discussion, examination, reference to staff and consultant critiques of research proposals. During this portion of each meeting, discussions will deal with scientific merit of each proposal and qualifications of personnel conducting the studies, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, as well as research information, the premature disclosure of which could significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency action regarding such research proposals. As provided by subsection 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, as amended, closing portions of these panel meetings is in accordance with 5 U.S.C., 552b(c) (6) and (9)(B).

Those who plan to attend the general session or would like to obtain a copy of minutes of the panel meetings and rosters of the members of the panels should contact LeRoy G. Frey, Ph.D., Chief, Program Review (10P9B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, or call (202) 443-5674 or by e-mail at Leroy.frey@va.gov.

By Direction of the Secretary:

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Vivian Drake
Committee Management Officer

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